Positive Information NETWORK

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The song remains the same

Navy Band Mid-South's Ceremonial Band provides musical support during Military Appreciation Night sponsored by the Memphis Grizzlies Jan. 29. at Memphis' FedEx Fourm. (Photo by Musician 2nd Class Winnie Dawkins)

Tax preparation

NSA Mid-South is once again offering free tax preparation and e-file services to active duty, family members, retirees and their family members, and reservists on active duty for more than 30 days at the Naval Legal Service Office (NLSO) North Central located at Bldg. 794 on Essex Street, by appointment only, and the Whitten Building (Bldg 791) in the MCPON's office.

The NLSO Tax Assistance Center is offering this service through April 18 and its hours are 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. (6 p.m. on days specified by volunteers), and 8-11 a.m. the first weekend of every month. The Whitten Bldg. site offers walk-in services between 8-11 a.m.

For more information or to schedule appointments, call the NLSO 874-5794 or the Whitten Bldg. representative at 874-2305.

Exercise Solid Curtain - Citadel Shield

NSA Mid-South will be participating in Force Protection Exercise Solid Curtain - Citadel Shield Feb. 22 - 24. The exercise will include going to an increased force protection condition, activating the auxiliary security force, 100% ID Checks, baggage checks, and other measures. All personnel are requested to have patience while supporting this important exercise.

2010 civilians, contractor of the year

Junior civilian: Nancy G. Langford, PERS 3 Mid-grade civilian: Rosendo A. Lindo, N135 Senior civilian: John G. Courtney, BUPERS 6 Contractor: Emily Brickell, BUPERS 3

The Civilian of the Year/Sailor of the Quarter ceremony for 2010 will be announced at a later date.

Workforce development

A Planning Board For Training (PBFT) is scheduled for 1 - 2:30 p.m. March 1 in Goetsch Hall (Bldg. 768), Room S201E. Agenda for the meeting is to discuss indoc, professional development for both military and civilian, required training, periodic training, and other events brought to the meeting pertaining to training. Each department within NPC has a representative to address these areas. If you don't know your representative, please call Jackie Marks at 874-4155.

NPC snags Boorda award

The 2010 Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda Award for outstanding integration of analysis and policy-making has been awarded to PERS 45's CAPT Robert Weitzman, LCDR Brett St. George, and Toney Williams for their work in predicting out-year operational, rotational and training permanent change of station order requirements.

IT review selections

Glenn Stubbs, PERS 4, and Shelby Williams, PERS 3 have been selected as NPC's new Pay/Personnel and Distribution Functional Review Board (FRB) secretary and assistant secretary. While these two FRBs are combined, the future plan is to establish the Distribution FRB with Shelby as the secretary. Until then, having both will be a bonus to the FRB process.

Weingarten rights

The Weingarten rights - bargaining unit employees' rights to representation - were recently e-mailed to all BUPERS Millington/NPC employees. Copies can also be found on all NPC official bulletin boards. For more information contact John Walters at 874-5023.

Upcoming changes

Much change is coming due to budgets and the need to update our processes and IT. For example, DoD is requiring non-use of SSNs or partial SSNs when they are vulnerable to harvesting for Identity Theft. They will come off CAC cards this year, and messages on Navy public-facing web sites.

Personnel transitions

Antoinette Brady has joined the staff as command deputy EEO officer, working out of BUPERS 07. Raleigh Durham has become the new PMO. Ann Stewart is going to head a pay and personnel transformation team and Diane Lofink will become the deputy CNPC.

Fair winds, following seas

BUPERS 3 shipmate Charles "Doc" Dockery passed away Feb. 8. A visitation service will be held 5 - 8 p.m. March 1 at the Millington Munford Funeral Home, at the intersection of Raleigh-Millington and Highway 385.